



SALEM FIRE-EMS

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APARTMENT FIRE AT 131 RUTLEDGE DR. (CRAIG MANOR APARTMENTS)

The Salem Fire & EMS Department responded to an apartment fire at 131 Rutledge Dr. Monday evening, March 22, at approximately 7:39 p.m. The Craig Manor Apartment complex, that is located at that address, was evacuated and no one was injured during the fire. Unfortunately, 3 dogs did perish in the fire.

The first Salem Fire and EMS units arrived within 3 minutes of receiving the call and found heavy fire and smoke coming from the third floor and the roof of the complex. Crews battled the blaze for more than an hour before the fire was contained. The third floor suffered extensive damage from the fire and the other floors suffered extensive water damage.

Approximately 36 individuals from the Salem Fire & EMS Department (Tower 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Medic 801, Medic 802, & Medic 803), Salem Rescue Squad (Squad 1 & Rescue 155), Roanoke Fire & EMS (Ladder 13), and the Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department (Wagon 10) responded to the call. An additional Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Department engine was on standby to answer additional calls for the City of Salem.

The apartment complex sustained extensive damage and the Salem Fire Marshal's Office will begin investigating the fire later this morning. The Red Cross is currently assisting the occupants of the building who were displaced by providing shelter for the night.

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